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TAGS: EFIS, SP
SUBJECT: EMBARGO ON YELLOWFIN TUNA

REF: STATE 122136

1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED CONTENTS REFTEL WITH DIRECTION
GENERAL OF FISHING AND WITH SPANISH AGENT OF ONLY FIRM
OPERATING TUNA BOAT IN EASTERN TROPICAL PACIFIC OCEAN.
AT REQUEST OF LATTER MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FORWARDED
NOTE TO EMBASSY MAY 19 PROVIDING DETAILS OF FISHERY.

2. NOTE VERBALE STATES IN SUBSTANCE THAT THE NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF TUNA FREEZER BOATS INFORMED THE MINISTRY
(THROUGH THE DIRECTION GENERAL OF FISHING) THAT ONLY ONE
SPANISH VESSEL IS PRESENTLY FISHING IN PACIFIC WATERS
UNDER SPANISH FLAG. THIS VESSEL, THE "ISABEL FIVE", 489
NET TONS, IS OWNED BY CONSERVAS GARAVILLA, SA, CAPITAN
ZUBIAUR 39, BERMEO, SPAIN.

3. NOTE STATES FURTHER THAT THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
REQUESTED THE MINISTRY TO INFORM THE EMBASSY THAT THE
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"ISABEL FIVE" WILL "RESPECT ALL THE MEANS PROMULGATED IN
ORDER TO PROTECT MARINE MAMMALS AND THAT, FURTHER, THE
DIRECTION GENERAL OF FISHING APPROVES THE APPLICATION,
GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE CITED MATTER HAS FOR THE
EVENTUAL IMPORTATION OF TUNA AND YELLOWFISH INTO THE
U.S. MARKET.."

4. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH AGENT REPRESENTING BOAT'S OWNERS (LUIS SAN MIGUEL, CARIBBEAN FISHING AGENCY, SRL, VICTOR ANDRES BELAUNDE 52, MADRID), EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT U.S. FISHING REGULATIONS (TITLE 50, PART 216.24(E)), APPEAR TO REQUIRE SUBMISSION OF CERTAIN SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION PRIOR TO POSSIBLE FINDING BY USG. EMBOFF READ PARTS OF SECTION 216.24 (E)(5)(II) TO GIVE SPECIFIC IDEA OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED.

5. SAN MIGUEL TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH NMFS WITH REGARD TO CASE AND DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THESE DOCUMENTS WERE, IN FACT, REQUIRED. HE SAID THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY SEEN APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY OTHER COUNTRIES AND THEY DID NOT INCLUDE SUCH INFORMATION. SAN MIGUEL SAID THAT TWO MAIN POINTS, WITH WHICH "ISABEL FIVE" AGREES TO COMPLY, ARE TO USE SPECIAL PORPOISE PANEL FOR FISHING AND TO PERMIT TUNA COMMISSION OBSERVERS ON BOARD AS DESIRED. WITH REGARD TO CATCH AND POSSIBLE KILLING OF MAMMALS, SAN MIGUEL CLAIMED THAT NMFS IS FAMILIAR WITH TYPE OF VESSEL AND AWARE THAT MAXIMUM CATCH IS ABOUT 4,000 TONS AND THAT NUMBER OF PORPOISES KILLED ARE MINIMAL.

6. COMMENT/ACTION REQUESTED: SPANISH ASKED THAT EMBASSY FORWARD ABOVE INFO (COPY OF NOTE BEING POUCHED) TO DETERMINE IF THIS SUFFICIENT FOR EXEMPTION. IF IT IS NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED AS TO SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED SO THAT WE CAN INFORM GOS AND SAN MIGUEL. EATON

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